

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed June 16, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Three Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to December 16, 2004. Also, filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 12, 2001; May 16, 2001; November 2, 2001; November 27, 2001; March 7, 2002; May 1, 2002; May 20, 2002; October 21, 2002; January 8, 2003; March 13, 2003; June 9, 2003; September 17, 2003; and October 9, 2003;. However, the Applicants have not received acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 14, 2004; October 13, 2004; and October 27, 2004. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 evidencing consideration of these Information Disclosure Statements.

Initially, it is noted that the specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Specifically, the term shift "resister" has been changed to shift "register" to correct a minor typographical matter. These corrections do not add new matter and review and approval is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claims 1-6 and 19-25 have been canceled and new claims 31-54 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicants are entitled. Accordingly, claims 7-18 and 26-54 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 7, 11, 15, 26, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 42, 47, and 50 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Official Action rejects claims 1-30 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,627 to Koyama et al. The Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is patentably distinct from the claims of the Koyama '627 patent.

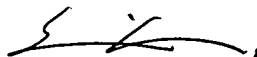
As stated in MPEP § 804, under the heading "Obviousness-Type," in order to form an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, a claim in the present application must define an invention that is merely an obvious variation of an invention claimed in the prior art patent, and the claimed subject matter must not be patentably distinct from the subject matter claimed in a commonly owned patent. Also, the patent principally underlying the double patenting rejection is not considered prior art.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Claims 1-6 and 19-25 have been canceled and thus the rejection of these claims is moot. The remaining claims recite either an interlayer insulating film comprising a resin, or a concentration of oxygen in the semiconductor film. The claims of Koyama '627 do not teach or suggest at least the above-referenced features of the claims of the present application. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is patentably distinct from the claims of the Koyama '627 patent. Reconsideration of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is requested.

New claims 31-54 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicants are entitled. These claims recite that a gate electrode of a TFT is electrically connected to a first line, which in turn is electrically connected to a first driver circuit. The Applicants respectfully submit that these new claims are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as discussed above.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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